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**ATHENS, Ohio** – Michael A. Carson, 24, of 60 Central Avenue, Athens, Ohio, currently incarcerated in the Southeastern Ohio Regional Jail was indicted by the January Term of the Athens County Grand Jury on January 25, 2016, on four (4) counts of Burglary, felonies of the second degree (F2); one (1) count of Tampering with Evidence, a felony of the third degree (F3); one (1) count of Safecracking, a felony of the fourth degree (F4); one (1) count of Vandalism, a felony of the fifth degree (F5); and one (1) count of Arson, a misdemeanor of the first degree (M1).

Carson, is accused of the December 29, 2015, Theta Chi Fraternity Aggravated Burglary and Arson. Carson was captured on video recording at the residence of the Theta Chi Fraternity, located at 117 East State Street, Athens, Ohio. Still photos were produced from the scene, and distributed through social media in which the Athens Police Department (APD) received numerous calls identifying Carson as the suspect in the photos. Property from the Theta Chi Fraternity was obtained at Carson's residence during the execution of a search warrant.

This case was investigated by the Athens City Police Department (APD).